Con2bil8 PR2

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(please exercise your imagination)

Intro

Welcome to PR2, which stands for Procrastinating Ratbags #2. No, sorry, it stands for Probably Remiss. Umm… Political Rant? Parodying Reprobates?

Actually, now I think about it, yes, let's go with "Parodying Reprobates #2", especially as we are cannibalizing last year's PR2 to make this one.

In this splendid publication you will find many things of great import, including the Code of Conduct for the con, our Concrete Cow Policy (a must for all respectable conventions), a call for any more performance spot requests and the all-important Hotel Booking form. Knowing how these things usually pan out, I rather suspect that you will go straight to the Hotel Booking section, which is only right and proper. Fill it in and send it back to us AS SOON AS POSSIBLE (you read that bit about us being procrastinating ratbags, right?), and we will get straight on with the room booking process. Once you've done that go back to the beginning and read the rest of it.

So, without further ado, on with the PR!!!

(Just in case you didn't know, all that stuff up there is rubbish. PR does not stand for any of those things. How ridiculous. It does, obviously, stand for Portland (Cement) Ruminant. The C is both silent and invisible)

Programme spot requests

We have already had a bunch of programme slot requests but if anyone else would like to ask for one please do that now. Do do this please send an email to con2bil8@contabile.org.uk titled Programme Spot, telling us how long you would like and what you plan to do with it. As we mentioned in PR1 the con's ethos is "trying new things" and (paradoxically) "recycling", so the field is pretty open, but if you wanted to do something you weren't quite sure would fit into a filk con then do let us know. This does NOT mean that there will not be normal concert spots and do still apply for that if that's what you want, but do give it a thunk both inside and outside of the box.

Making a request is no guarantee of getting a slot, recent performances will be considered when allocating spots. Please make your applications by 31st December and then we will look at what we have and craft a beautiful programme from there. We can already guarantee that there will be aquapella singing in the pool so don't forget to pack your cozzie.

Code of Conduct

We aim to make Con2bil8 a safe and happy environment for all our attendees. We know our community is, overall, an inclusive and welcoming one, but we understand that problems can arise, and have procedures in place to deal with them. Please take the time to read the code of conduct below, and help us make Con2bil8 a fun and trouble-free event.

We will not tolerate discrimination or harassment on the grounds of gender, race, sexual orientation, age, ethnicity or disability - or anything else. We expect all the convention members to treat each other with respect.

If you feel you are being harassed, or if someone is making you feel uncomfortable, please speak to them about the behaviour you are finding inappropriate, or come and speak to the Duty Committee Member (or any other committee member). If you notice someone else behaving in a manner that makes you uncomfortable, again, please come and discuss it with us.

We will take any comments or complaints very seriously and do our best to hear all sides of the situation in order to make sure we are reacting appropriately and fairly. We will treat all matters with discretion. If we are unable to mediate a solution between the parties involved, we may take further steps, including but not limited to issuing a warning, revoking a membership without refund and requesting that the person leave the convention, or, in serious cases, involving the hotel staff or the police.

We reserve the right to pass on details of any serious breaches of the code of conduct to future committees of the UK Filk Convention for their information.

Concrete Cow Policy

We strive to provide a welcoming atmosphere for all cementitious ruminants who wish to attend Con2bil8. We would ask, however, that if you intend on bringing a concrete cow, he/she/they should be a full member of the convention if he/she/they wishes to attend convention programming. Depending on interest, we may need to limit the numbers of concrete cows permitted in the swimming pool at any one time, due to water displacement and consideration for other users.

Please do not allow your cow to wander off unattended – we are close to main roads, an airport and a very good chocolate shop, all of which may pose problems and sources of temptation for hardcore-comprised ungulates.

Con2bil8 Hotel Booking Form

The Form

Name (please print):

I wish to reserve the following accommodation at the Marks Tey Best Western Hotel on the nights of:

Friday 5th /Saturday 6th /Sunday 7th February 2016 (delete as applicable)

☐ Single room with breakfast
☐ Single room without breakfast
☐ Twin room with breakfast
☐ Twin room without breakfast
☐ Double room with breakfast
☐ Double room without breakfast

Twin or Double - I would like to share my room with _____

☐ Twin room - please find me a sharer (delete as applicable)

I am male /female/other
I will share with male /female /do not care
I am a smoker /non-smoker (rooms are non smoking. This is for sharer allocation)
I will share with a smoker /non-smoker /do not care

Additional room requirements

☐ I would like a cot for my infant
☐ I would like a camp bed for my child
☐ I would like an adjoining room for my children (extra cost – see point 1)
☐ I really need to have a quiet room.
☐ I have the following allergies/special requirements _____

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Dietary

I am vegetarian /vegan /carnivore /omnivore
I have the following food allergies _____

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I understand that I am responsible for paying my hotel bill.

Signed

Dated

Please return form to: Con2bil8, 119 Whitehill Lane, Gravesend, Kent DA12 5LU
or email to
Con2bil8@contabile.org.uk

Con2bil8 Hotel Booking Form

The Instructions

1. A single room is £52 per night. A double/twin room is £60 per night. A room with adjoining room for children is £100. These prices are per room without breakfast.
2. To add breakfast the prices become: A single room - £57 per night. A double/twin room - £67 per night. A room with adjoining room for children - £107
3. Please complete all of the form.
4. Remember to delete any nights you do not require a room.
5. You may only share with another member of the convention. If you specify a sharer who has not joined, your application will not be processed unless/until they join.
6. If you want us to find a sharer for you and wish to exclude certain people from consideration please write their names on a separate piece of paper headed with your name and titled exclusion list. This list will only be seen by Lissa as Hotel Liaison.
7. Special requirements for the room is for such things as non-feather pillows for people with allergies. Please do not ask for a bath tub of lime jello - I promise I already know that you are wild and wacky people.
8. Unsigned forms will NOT be processed as that is your commitment to pay. If doing by e-mail then please include a statement about understanding that you are responsible for your own hotel bill.
9. We will send out confirmations of receipt of hotel booking forms, stating what we understand that you have booked. Please check them and poke us if we have something wrong.
10. If confused please contact us at the con address.

Getting to the Hotel

From London:
From the M25 exit at Junction 28 (A12), signposted Chelmsford. You are now on the A12; continue for approx 34 miles and take the exit for the A120, signposted Bishops Stortford. At the roundabout take the 3rd turning signposted to Stanway follow the road over the A12, at the next roundabout take the 2nd turning, the entrance to the hotel is 200 yards on your left.

From Ipswich:
From the A14 and A12 interchange follow the A12 towards Colchester for about 19 miles, take the A120 junction signposted Marks Tey & Bishops Stortford, exit on to the slip road and take the 1st turning left at the roundabout, the entrance to the hotel is 200 yards on your left.

From Harwich:
Follow the signs for the (A12) A120, continue on the A120 until the Junction with A12, signposted Chelmsford/London and join the A12. Continue until you reach the A120 signposted Marks Tey & Bishops Stortford, exit on to the slip road and take the 1st turning left at the roundabout, the entrance to the hotel is 200 yards on your left.

From Stansted:
At the junction A120/M11, Birchanger Green Service Area, take the 1st turning signposted Colchester off of the roundabout. Continue on the A120 following all the signposts for Colchester. After about 22 miles you will enter Marks Tey, go over a railway bridge and approach a roundabout, take the 2nd turning and follow the road over the A12, at the next roundabout take the 2nd turning, the entrance to the hotel is 200 yards on your left.

Please note that if there are 2 or more of you travelling together from Stansted a pre-booked taxi is likely to be cheaper and faster than going by train.

From the Marks Tey train station:
I have attached a separate image heavy file showing how to get to the hotel from the station without running across the slip roads to the A12, created for us last year by Katie Howe.

The Google Maps link for this area is:
https://www.google.co.uk/maps/@51.8804449,0.7864871,17z

It is theoretically possible to get out of the station step free from both platforms but this proved challenging last year plus the step free exit on the Eastbound platform lets out into the secondary car park which is inconveniently located. Instead you are advised to take a train on into Colchester and come back out after a step free interchange in Colchester.

Getting to Marks Tey train station:
Trains to Marks Tey go from London Liverpool Street station. Currently a single from London Liverpool Street to Marks Tey costs £23.10 and takes 55 minutes. A return from Stansted Airport is £49 and takes around 2 hours. Please bear in mind that train tickets typically go up in price in January. You can research train times here http://ojp.nationalrail.co.uk/service/planjourney/search

The Filk Fund Auction

As in years past we will be having an auction at the convention and it's never too soon to start thinking about bringing or even making things to donate to the auction.

Membership list

Abi	30	Hitch	116	Peter Westhead	74
Aileen	65	Inamac	48	Philip Allcock	5
Alex	91	Jackie	49	Piers Cawley	1
Alex Allcock	6	Janet	70	Pippa Fairbourn	96
Alison Richards	18	Jessica Stevenson	80	Pug	102
Alistair	29	Joe	112	Rachel	31
Amy Allcock	7	John	56	Rafe Culpin	16
Andrew January	114	John Stewart	24	Rayner Lucas	98
Anna Smith	106	Ju	41	Red Dragon	103
Annie Walker	8	Karen Westhead	75	Rhodri James	43
Barbara Stewart	23	Kate	26	Rick	38
Billy	92	Kathy Westhead	72	Robert Maughan	71
Bine	89	Katy	13	Roger Robinson	36
Brenda	58	Kirstin	60	Shadow	88
Chantelle	115	KT	44	Shaya	101
Chavalai	55	Lawrence Dean	54	Simon Crowell	110
Chris	46	Lisa	77	Simon Fairbourn	95
Christo	105	Lissa Allcock	4	Socrates	69
Colin Fine	40	Liz	28	Songbird	84
Countess Axylides	62	Lydia Stevenson	83	Stacy	50
Dale Williamson	76	Mad Logician	25	Steve	12
Dave Stevenson	81	Marilisa	68	Steve	86
David	67	Marion	37	Sue Edwards	21
Debbie L	11	Mary Crowell	108	Sue Jeffers	2
Deborah	97	Melusine	33	Susan Booth	47
Decadent Dave Clement	93	Mich	85	Talis Kimberley	94
Donnacat	78	Michael	90	Teddy	34
Ellie Walker	10	Michael Bernardi	52	Teresa Gibson Powell	57
Emily :-)	66	Mike Richards	19	The Magician	39
Emily January	113	Mike Westhead	73	Thomas	64
FanTom	35	Miki	17	tiggy	53
Fhtagn	45	Minnow	27	Tim Walker	9
Franklin	100	Naomi Stevenson	82	Tom Jeffers	3
Green Dragon	104	Nat	51	Tony Rogers	22
Gwen Funnell	15	Oliver Thornton	107	Valerie	42
Gwenzilla	111	Omega	20	Vanya Jones	99
Heike	63	Penny Melnikoff	87	Volker	59
Hilary Ann	79	Peter Tyers	32	Wesley Crowell	109
		Peter Wareham	14	Zander Nyrond	61